

We Are Not The Robots

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Robots Dancing At The Boston Dynamics Firm

Rather than humans dancing and imitating older robots, the Boston Dynamics firm has sort of flipped the script and gotten their robots to dance, sometimes imitating humans, and sometimes executing novel and agile movements. This is part of their advertising and hiring strategy. It makes for visually appealing eye candy film. "Boston Dynamics' mission is to imagine and create exceptional robots that enrich people's lives. Discover Spot, Stretch, and our other robots"



Human Choreographer

The firm hired the dance choreographer Monica Thomas to help them in the production of these films. She had a lot of "autonomy" and learned by viewing the robots and then danced out the dances herself with her own body, just like many dance choreographers do. Then she did work with engineering teams on programming movements into the robots' "bodies". She said "Towards the end of working with Spot, I could sense that there is something about leg pairings and their transitions that could make a really compelling rhythm or design to guide choreography, but I don't quite know what it is that I'm imagining or how to even conceptualize it. And that is very exciting. I would absolutely do it again".

Fear, Disinformation, Trust In Future Good Robots

The longer term goals of robot firms include assisting humans during emergency crisis situations, and potentially revolutionising the service and manufacturing industry sectors of business. Robots might forever change the global economic marketplace. However, deepfakes, clones, and actual lowkey robotic terrorism has stirred fears of inequity, power imbalances, and outright violence. The Truth though is probably that robots will be net very beneficial to humanity at large.

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